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The only color scarf authorized for wear with all uniform combinations is black. All other colors are no longer authorized. (Courtesy of the Spangdahlem AB First Sergeants Council)



News Briefs

Memorial service

Chief Master Sgt. Mark Cei, Joint Force Command, Brunssum, Netherlands, air transportation manager, died Dec. 25 from natural causes. Funeral services were held in Philadelphia, Pa. Local memorial arrangements are underway at JFC Brunssum. For more information, call Capt S. Brent Gibson at DSN 364-2562 or e-mail gibsonscol@yahoo.com.

Suicide prevention briefing

The next suicide prevention briefing and violence awareness training takes place Tuesday at the Spangdahlem AB theater. The scheduled times are: 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This is a yearly requirement for active duty members and Air Force civilian employees. For more information, call Capt. Ruth Roa-Navarrete or Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Thrash at 452-8285.

Flu vaccine update

While there is still a nationwide shortage of the 2004 flu vaccine, the 52nd Medical Group has received sufficient vaccine for the following TRICARE beneficiary priority groups: all children six to 23 months of age; adults ages 50 and older; people ages two to 64 with chronic medical conditions, including asthma or diabetes; children ages six months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy; women in their last six months of pregnancy; and out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than six months of age. People who have received a flu vaccine letter should visit the immunizations clinic. For details, call the PCM information line at 452-8333.

Munitions storage closure

The munitions storage area is closed to all custodial related actions March 1-31 for the unit to conduct a 100 percent munitions stockpile semi-annual inventory. All munitions required for March must be requested no later than Feb. 10. During the inventory, only valid emergency requests approved by applicable group commanders and submitted in accordance with applicable directives will be honored. For more information, call Master Sgt. Christopher Howell or Tech. Sgt. Glenda Hoffman, at 452-6743.

Mainz attraction

See why more than 200,000 visitors per year visit this enchanting medieval city.

Read "Tourists enjoy history, culture visiting a popular city in the heart of Germany," on Page 7



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Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb

Happy returns

Airmen from the 81st Fighter Squadron, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron and other 52nd Fighter Wing units turn in their medical records shortly after returning to Spangdahlem Air Base early Monday morning from a four-month deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. The Airmen were in Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom missions by 81st FS A-10's flying out of Bagram AB.

Commander shares story of bravery, importance of 'Combat Wingman'

By Col. Dave Goldfein

52nd Fighter Wing commander

Have you ever found yourself in an environment when you were totally dependent on someone else to get you out of a tough spot? Ever needed a wingman to cover your six and protect you from a bad situation? I have -- and I'm here today because of their selfless efforts on my behalf.

Many of you know I was shot down over enemy territory May 2, 1999 and rescued just two hours after being hit.

It began seconds after my aircraft was hit by a surface-to-air missile. F-16CJ's maneuvered their aircraft quickly around mine and shot eight high-speed anti-radiation missiles at the enemy to ensure no more SAMs would be fired until we were safely out of the area. To get to me, the enemy would have to go through them -- great wingmen, protecting my six.

My element mate, who was flying next to me when the missile hit, maneuvered his aircraft behind mine in order to ensure he knew my exact location should I be unable to fly the aircraft to a safe landing. Anti-aircraft gunners who had been alerted to my situation began raking the skies with gunfire, trying to score another hit as we descended into their lethal envelope.

Never once did my wingman leave my side despite the danger to himself and his aircraft.

Despite several attempts to save the aircraft, it was not



Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura

An 81st Fighter Squadron A-10 Warthog, similar to the one that arrived in 1999 to rescue Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, soars over the Eifel to practice air-to-air refueling last summer. The 81st FS Panthers provided top cover for the commander and aided in his successful recovery.

her night. At the moment I pulled the ejection handle, my fate rested in the hands of all the great troops who packed the chute, rigged the ejection seat, ensured my survival gear was ready to go and trained me over the years for this moment. A successful ejection has more than 100 moving parts, all occurring in a few seconds, any of which can go wrong. My ejection was picture perfect.

Once on the ground, men and women across the globe sprang into action, solely focused on my safe return.

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52nd Fighter Wing Sabers sustain high ops tempo in 2004

By Airman 1st Class Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

The 52nd Fighter Wing has met wing mission goals in garrison as well as remained vigilant in support of contingencies over the past year.

In 2004, Team Eifel endured deployments, construction projects and inspections; all the

while being constantly ready to project superior combat power.

"Looking back on the past year I'm amazed at the pace the 52nd FW has maintained while racking up a record of outstanding performance," said Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd FW commander. "The Saber experiences and accomplishments of 2004 truly demonstrate we train and fight to win while

taking care of our people."

The 23rd Fighter Squadron practiced their fire power against 15th Fighter Wing F-18 Hornets in Zaragoza, Spain, in January. In February, the 22nd Fighter Squadron took part in Red Flag at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., where combat crews trained in the most realistic simulated war environment possible. The wing supported Air

Expeditionary Force 7/8 in April; and the 606th Air Control Squadron became the inspectors of the skies when nearly half the squadron participated in the two-week long Exercise Pollen Warrior, linking them with the NATO Airborne Warning and Control System and the Dutch air force in April.

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Wingman

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Troops at several intelligence headquarters in the United States monitored my radio transmissions and relayed information to the rescue team. People at the Combined Air Operations Center in Vicenza, Italy, rallied the rescue forces and launched them into enemy territory despite not having an exact fix on my location. The rescue team did not hesitate for a second. One of their own was in trouble and needed help.

When the rescue team arrived, the landing zone was hot with enemy gunfire perilously close. Our own 81st Fighter Squadron Panthers were on the scene to run the pick-up and provide top cover so we could successfully escape. Next to a rescue helicopter, an A-10 *Warthog* is the best sight to see when the enemy is closing in -- a visible reminder of how Airmen take care of each other.

On the rescue helicopter, the Air Force special forces troops covered me with their body armor to ensure I didn't get shot -- I didn't, but the helicopter did -- just inches from where I was sitting.

Once on the ground back at Aviano Air Base, Italy, the first people I met were my family. They had waited patiently, not knowing my condition until I stepped off the C-130. Throughout the night, they did their part, praying for my safe return. Their prayers were answered by angels that came in the night wear-

ing BDU's and flight suits.

While this story may be unique to me, it's not unique to the Air Force. Throughout history, Airmen have been taking care of Airmen. It's in our blood ... it's who we are. As we begin a new year together, let's reflect on our rich heritage and apply these lessons of combat to our daily lives as combat wingmen.

First, keep a close eye on each other. Maybe we'll see trouble coming and be able to offer a vector to safety before the round hits. On or off duty and around the clock -- Airmen can take care of Airmen.

Who knows when the quality of our work on any given day will be the difference between life or death for another Airman? So let's apply an extra level of attention to detail to ensure work is done correctly the first time, every time.

I went through initial survival and evasion training in 1979. I was shot down in 1999. That training saved my life. Pay attention to our training and our instructors -- we never know when it will be called upon.

When trouble does strike, let's leap into action to provide cover and lead our wingman to safety. Circle the wagons, be a visible force -- no one gets between us and our wingman in trouble. Lots of agencies both on and off base are ready to engage and help -- they just need a vector to the fight or to have the fight brought to them.

Finally, let's not neglect our families. Their

blew a .069 on a breathalyzer test. The driver was taken to Wittlich Krankenhaus, where his blood was drawn.

The second DUI was also discovered in a traffic stop. A 52nd Communications Squadron senior airman was stopped in Landstuhl, where he blew .369. The unusually high blood alcohol content put this driver at an even higher risk for a fatal major crash.

Spangdahlem Air Base's first



Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodier

Maj. James Young, 52nd Fighter Wing Combat Wingman point of contact, shakes hands with Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, after receiving the Combat Wingman coin recently. The coins have been distributed throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe installations.

courage is as great as ours, their contribution just as significant. We begin with them and, if successful, we end with them when our career is done. As we work to take care of each other, never forget that our families need and deserve

our most precious asset -- our time.

We have a big year ahead Sabers. Let's do our best individually and collectively to take care of each other. Let's be good wingmen and cover each others' six. It's time to check in!

Team Eifel starts year with two DUIs, inattentive driving

By David A. Barker
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel began the year with two driving under the influence violations. Wing members were also involved in 17 total accidents last week, three of them classified as major.

The first DUI was discovered during a routine traffic stop at Binsfeld on the L-46. A 23rd Aircraft Maintenance Unit staff sergeant emitted an odor of alcohol and



14 minor accidents: one from a parking lot accident, five from improper backing, four from inattentive driving, one fleeing the scene, and three others at fault.

Driving Tips

Remember to report all accidents to security forces and Polizei immediately. Calling the law enforcement desk will start the process. Keep yourself driving in the Eifel by simply following the rules. Call the LED at 452-6666 or 06565-61-6666 for more information.

Review

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The 23rd Fighter Squadron deployed to Cold Lake Air Weapons Range, in Alberta, Canada, where aircrews went up against realistic training in a modern air combat environment at the annual Maple Flag exercise in May. The 81st Fighter Squadron deployed to Malacky Air Base, Slovakia, in June to accomplish a weapons training deployment. The team consisted of Sabers from 13 squadrons, three different U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases and the Air National Guard. The training accomplished was vital in the preparation and execution of the Panther's subsequent AEF rotation to Operation Enduring Freedom. The wing supported AEF 1/2, and the 22nd FS participated in NATO Air Meet 2004 and Anatolian Eagle 2004 at Konya Air Base, Turkey, in September. The Stingers worked side-by-side with 13 NATO countries, where F-16 pilots had the chance to "fight" against Romanian MiG-21s and Hungarian MiG-29s.

Unit compliance inspection

It was an "excellent" time to be a Saber at Team Eifel after the results of the wing's 2004 USAFE Unit Compliance Inspection in March.

The wing's pride and enthusiasm got the attention of the USAFE inspector general, thus awarding the 52nd FW an "Excellent" rating for the UCI.

"I think the results speak for themselves and you all were ready for us," said Col. John Snider, USAFE Inspector General. "I want you to understand how good these results are. Every group inspected was (satisfactory) or better. That is the first time that's happened in this command in a UCI in four years."

RMTP developments

The Rhein-Main Transition Program marched full-speed ahead at Spangdahlem AB in March, bringing with it a range of new construction projects, such as a new squadron operations building, a flight kitchen and the passenger holding area.

In August, construction crews also began pouring concrete for the new ramp here, taking roughly 50 pouring days to complete. The 60 million euro construction project will transform the base into a joint fighter-cargo base. The new ramp will hold up to 11 C-5 aircraft, the largest plane in the Air Force inventory.

New facility

The 606th ACS is one of only two air control squadrons in USAFE, and they opened the doors to their state-of-the-art facility in April. The project involved taking 19 separate buildings on two installations and consolidating into four buildings here. The Air Force designed the \$15 million complex to support the 606th ACS's functions: deployment, life support, air

traffic control and friend or foe identification of flying objects.

New leadership

Team Eifel welcomed a new wing commander in August. Col. Dave Goldfein came to Spangdahlem AB from Mountain Home AFB, Idaho, where he served as the 366th Operations Group commander.

Awards

Sabers were a cut above the rest in 2004, garnering several Air Force and USAFE-level awards. To highlight a few of the top awards, the 52nd FW won the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award; the 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron received the 2003 Air Force Maintenance Effectiveness Award; the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron acquired the 2003 Daedalian Maj. Gen. Warren P. Carter Logistics Readiness Unit Award; and the 52nd FW safety office earned the 2003 Chief of Safety Outstanding Achievement Award.

Seeking excellence, attacking challenges and destroying enemies of the U.S. and NATO are the backbone of the Spangdahlem AB Sabers.

"I look forward to the challenges we will face in 2005," Colonel Goldfein said. "I hope every Saber takes satisfaction in 2004's successes as we translate these past accomplishments into our future victories."



Simeon Crosby

Top Saber Performer

Name: Staff Sgt. Nate Gurwell
Unit: 52nd Comptroller Squadron
Duty title: Budget analyst
Hometown: Lakewood, CA
Years in service: 8
Nominee's contributions to 52nd Fighter Wing mission success: Sergeant Gurwell is responsible for ensuring proper management of more than \$2 million allocated to the 52nd Operations Group and \$2 million to the 52nd Maintenance Group. He is the financial analyst for the 52nd MXG and the 52nd Operations Group commanders, as well as numerous squadrons and

resource advisors. As an analyst for the wing staff agencies and the 52nd MXG, Sergeant Gurwell personally reconciled both programs at year end and uncovered more than \$225,000. He worked closely with the resource advisors and ensured the 52nd MXG was able to spend all of their funding before the wing took control of the funds Sept. 1. As leader of the cash verification team, he performed four surprise cash counts at three geographically-separated units, accounting for all funds to the penny. His outstanding performance earned him the distinction as the 52nd CPTS professional performer for December 2004.

Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Sergeant Gurwell is a volunteer for "Read Across America," an elementary school program. He also volunteered for Airmen Against Drunk Driving and the spring bazaar. He is also actively pursuing a bachelor's degree in business and accounting.

What do you do for fun? I enjoy mountain biking and walks with my wife. I also enjoy playing computer games.

What do you like most about being stationed here? I love the beautiful scenery and the travel opportunities throughout Europe.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem Air Base? I would like to see our base have an indoor running track for physical training. The current track often requires running against strong wind.

Scholarship deadline approaches

By Adam Austin
 Defense Commissary Agency

The deadline for the \$1,500 Scholarships for Military Children program is Feb. 16, and all applications must be delivered to the commissary by the close of business that day. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The application can be downloaded

through a link on the front page of www.commissaries.com or downloaded directly from www.militaryscholar.org and filled out by hand or on the computer. Copies of the application are also available at commissaries worldwide.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is in its fifth year and has awarded nearly 3,000 scholarships and more \$3 million since the first scholarship was awarded.

Saber connect



Airman 1st Class Heather Frady

Col. Dave Goldfein, 52nd Fighter Wing commander, looks on as Airman 1st Class Courtney Wheeler, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron fuels operations journeyman, explains gauges on an aircraft refueling truck. Airman Wheeler educates Colonel Goldfein about her career field as part of the *Commander's Mentorship Program*. An Anchorage, Ak., native with 20 months of Air Force service under her belt, Airman Wheeler cited her recent "Sharp Troop Award" win and her preparation of a commission package this year as noteworthy accomplishments. Airman Wheeler is also a mentor at Spangdahlem Middle School.

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

These "fire dawgs" are dog-gone outstanding and get sirens and salutes for their contributions to the fire department in recent months: **Senior Master Sgt. Michael Cavaliero**; **Master Sgt. Edward Zimmermann**; **Tech. Sgt. Jason Theriault**; **Staff Sgt. Cory McGee**; **Airman 1st Class Carl Yonkers**; **Senior Airman Jared Martinez**; **Frank Weis** and **Ingo Wahlert**.

52nd Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. Terrance Levesque can now be dubbed the "Duke of Roadside Hazards." He was the good Samaritan who helped a spouse stranded on the B-50 get to safety when her car malfunctioned. We grant a salute to **Staff Sgt. Eric Grant**, who directed the delivery of more than 30,000 munitions items to aircraft during an exercise in November. ... Salute this troop? Precisely! **Airman 1st Class David Stewart** is a precision guided missile troop who's tested more than 20 computer control groups and repaired six computer cards that would've caused guided flight failure if left unnoticed. **Staff Sgts. Randy Houghton** and **Kenyatta Demings** "packed" quite a punch when it came to tackling a short-notice tasking to return unserviceable munitions from a contractor in Belgium. The pair got the job done by consolidating 78 boxes into 26 and preparing \$44,000 worth of items in just two days.

52nd Medical Group

Let the records show ... **Patricia Hemmy** deserves a salute for quickly learning the



ropes at the 52nd Dental Squadron records and reception desk. You've got mail -- and a salute ... **Airman 1st Class Tasha Gerard** volunteered more than 27 hours at the Spangdahlem AB post office. Great Caesar! **Tech. Sgt.**

Angela Gagliano provided comprehensive cesarean-section training for 11 nurses and three technicians.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Bend it like Jeffery! **Tech. Sgt. Jeffery Vassar** wrapped up another year as youth soccer commissioner. Not only did he organize 32 young players into four teams, but he coached a team himself and donated his own money for trophies. In control is **Staff Sgt. Lee McKinstry**, whose expertise in ordnance controlled materiel made quite an impression. **Staff Sgt. Joel Jiskra** is the master controller of the 702nd Munitions Support Squadron Maintenance Flight, Buechel Air Base, Germany. He spent countless hours orchestrating six separate agencies to ensure smooth operations were carried out for the two-week maintenance cycle. He's "Mr. Write" ... **Staff Sgt. Joshua Delo's** pursuit of higher education and professional development led to his selection as recipient of the Chiefs and Eagles Essay Scholarship for the wing. He's also a top-notch distance education student at the University of Maryland University College.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!

(Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

Top Saber Team

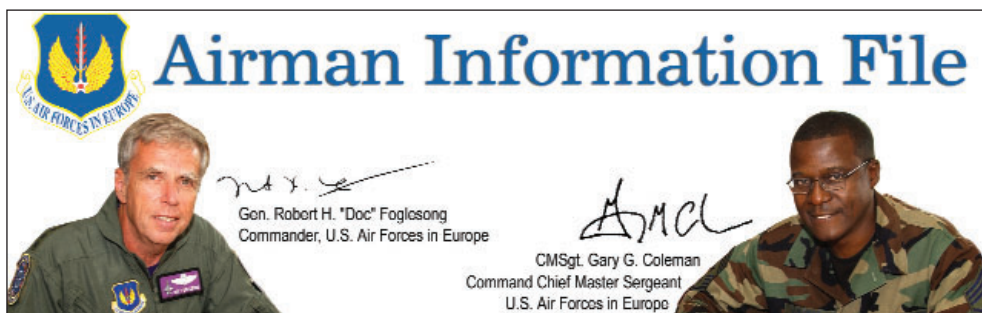
Unit name: 52nd Comptroller Squadron Financial Analysis Flight

A brief description of unit responsibilities: The Financial Analysis Flight is responsible for the formulation, management and execution of a \$154 million operation and maintenance, \$17 million military family housing and \$11 million defense health annual budget authority for the wing and its 15 geographically-separated units. The team provides guidance to the commanders and resource advisors on budget preparation, justification and execution.

Number of members: Nine (not pictured were: Tech. Sgt. Chris Tillett, Staff Sgt. Nathan Gurwell and Derek Johnston)

How does the team fit into the 52d FW's mission? The flight functions as the commander's first-level resource advisor, providing advice on issues applicable to all base organizations. They ensure the flying hour program continues throughout the year with zero disruption due to funding. In the last quarter of the fiscal year, they display phenomenal dedication to duty by working endless hours to ensure the wing executes every last dollar before midnight Sept. 30.

Teams other contributions through the year? The team managed the air crew training and joint chiefs of staff exercise programs and recouped about \$5 million and \$77,000 respectively. They also provided training to all newly appointed resource advisors and conducted inspections to ensure compliance with financial regulations and guidelines. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, they deployed two troops, one in support of the air crew training exercise in Slovakia and one in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Two members were recognized and coined by the wing commander as Hidden Heroes.



January 2005

Setting Goals -- Moving in the Right Direction!

A new year filled with opportunities and challenges is before us once again. It's important to know where we're heading, and how we'll get there, as we start on the journey that will take us through 2005 -- that is the purpose of goals.

Goals may be national, organizational, or personal. Their purpose, at all levels, is the same -- they give us a target to shoot for! If we don't set goals, we don't know what we're aiming for and have no idea if or when we hit the target.

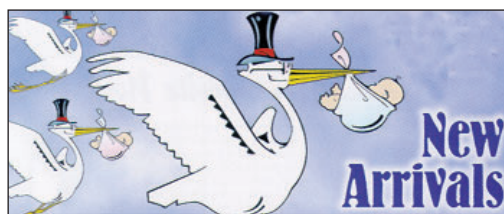
Here are just a few of our goals in USAFE for 2005:

- ♦ Facilitate OEF/OIF support through the correct positioning/utilization of USAFE assets
- ♦ Continue to expand our USAFE Cooperation Team Concept to exploit every opportunity to support the GWOT through security cooperation
- ♦ Execute Weapons Training Deployments to locations that support AFE 2020
- ♦ Finalize the structure, organization, & roles/responsibilities of our Warfighting Headquarters
- ♦ Implement a two year Dormitory Project to identify and support those high payoff / low cost projects in our dorms to improve the quality of living for our dorm residents
- ♦ Continue to mature USAFE University to identify/correct gaps and redundancy in our training and education
- ♦ Achieve IOC on the Combat Support Center of Excellence, the Joint Fires Center of Excellence and an Air-to-Air Center of Excellence, & introduce NATO/EUCOM members

We would never leave on a long family vacation without a destination or purpose in mind. This could lead quickly to wasted time, frustration and disappointment instead of enjoyment. We do a similar thing when we fail to set personal goals for our future. As we begin the new year, take time to establish personal goals. Ask yourself what you want to accomplish this year. It could be a physical goal like improving on your fitness test, or a mental goal like starting or completing an advanced academic degree program, or maybe a professional goal such as acing a promotion exam. Whatever you choose -- begin your journey with a destination in mind!

Don't lose focus on your goals after you create them. It's easy to establish goals and then quickly forget them as we react to the fires of the day. Always keep your goals in mind. If the goal is long-term, establish shorter goals that will help you measure your progress as you stay on target.

Don't give up! Some goals will be easy while others may take a long time to achieve. We may become discouraged along the way and experience setbacks in our plans, but keep pressing ahead -- the rewards are worth it!



By Edna Sugatan
52nd Medical Support Squadron

John William Balok Jr. was born at 5:16 p.m. Oct. 5 to Tech. Sgt. John and Nicole Balok. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sergeant Balok is assigned to the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron.

Slestia Grace Walkup was born at 10:07 a.m. Nov. 4 to Staff Sgts. Joseph and Sherry Walkup. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Sergeant Joseph Walkup is assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron and Sergeant Sherry Walkup is assigned to the 52nd Services Squadron.

Kaleb Alexander Borowski was born at 11:58 p.m. Dec. 1 to Staff Sgts. Daniel and Karyl Borowski. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Sergeants Daniel and Karyl Borowski are assigned to the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron.

Robert Martinez III was born at 9:46 p.m. Dec. 7 to Staff Sgt. Robert and Cynthia Martinez. He weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Sergeant Martinez is assigned to the 606th Air Control Squadron.

Azumi Angela Ward was born at 8:12 a.m. Dec. 7 to Staff Sgt. Michael and Kanako Ward. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sergeant Ward is assigned to the 52nd EMS.

Tristan Jakob Hummel was born at 2:33 a.m. Dec. 8 to Tech. Sgt. Lindley and Emily Hummel. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Sergeant Hummel is assigned to the 52nd Mission Support Squadron.

Erin Rebecca Jean McIntier was born at 2:13 p.m. Dec. 8 to Tech. Sgt. Brian and Staff Sgt. Melissa McIntier. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.75 inches long. Sergeants Brian and Melissa McIntier are assigned to the 52nd Communication Squadron.

Benjamin Walter Address was born at 3:56 p.m. Dec. 9 to Airman 1st Class Ryan Address and Alice Nelson. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.75 inches long. Airman Address is assigned to the 52nd CS.

Elijah Jacop Carrero was born at 6:41 a.m. Dec. 18 to Senior Airman Steven and Valerie Carrero. He weighed 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20.75 inches long. Airman Carrero is assigned to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron.

Gwyneth Paula Conder was born at 8:06 a.m. Dec. 21 to Staff Sgt. Joshua and Kareen Conder. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. Sergeant Conder is assigned to the 52nd EMS.

Greyson Michael Beal was born at 2:49 a.m. Dec. 23 to Senior Airman Gary and Amber Beal. He weighed 9 pounds and was 21.5 inches long. Airman Beal is assigned to the 39th Communication Squadron, Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

Ashton Connor Christopher Browning was born at 12:38 p.m. Dec. 23 to Staff Sgt. Chad and Angela Browning. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Sergeant Browning is assigned to the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron.

Allysa Katja Rie-Anne Kuhar was born at 10:59 a.m. Dec. 23 to Senior Airman Mark and Rosie Kuhar. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19.75 inches long. Airman Kuhar is assigned to the 52nd EMS.

Parker Cole Tillman was born at 10:17 p.m. Dec. 23 to Staff Sgts. Brandon and Kendra Tillman. He weighed 8 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sergeant Brandon Tillman is assigned to the 52nd SFS and Sergeant Kendra Tillman is assigned to the 52nd EMS.

Aidan Paul Lacson was born at 11:18 p.m. Dec. 24 to Staff Sgt. Paul and Lyn Lacson. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19.75 inches long. Sergeant Lacson is assigned to the 52nd Medical Support Squadron.

Raif Michael Byers was born at 12:10 p.m. Dec. 26 to Airman 1st Class Christy and Jason Byers. He weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 22 inches long. Airman Byers is assigned to Detachment 9, American Forces Network.

Ethan Michael Marque was born at 3:20 a.m. Dec. 27 to Maj. Jay and Candace Marque. He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. Major Marque is assigned to the 52nd Medical Operations Squadron.

Tye Valentino Lawlor was born at 8:30 p.m. Dec. 28 to Airmen 1st Class Eric and London Lawlor. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 20.25 inches long. Airman Eric Lawlor is assigned to the 52nd SVS and Airman London Lawlor is assigned to the 52nd LRS.

Curtis Arlie Greenlee was born at 8:56 a.m. Dec. 28 to Tech. Sgt. James and Lamonica Greenlee. He weighed 7 pounds and was 18.75 inches long. Sergeant Greenlee is assigned to the 606th ACS.

Gabriella Giomar Robison was born at 12:59 p.m. Dec. 31 to Tech. Sgt. Daniel and Staff Sgt. Olga Robison. She weighed 9 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long. Sergeant Daniel Robison is assigned to the 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron and Sergeant Olga Robison is assigned to the 52nd LRS.



Staff Sgt. John Barton

So long, Groz

Lt. Gen. Glen Moorhead III, commander of 16th Air Force, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Aviano Air Base, Italy, and Col. Thomas Groznik, 52nd Fighter Wing vice commander, honor the colors during the vice commander's retirement ceremony Jan. 7. His wife, Cindy, shared her perspective of living in various parts of the world as part of Colonel Groznik's many Air Force assignments. "We tried to view every assignment as a new adventure for our family. Our son attended schools in Virginia, Arizona, Alaska and Germany. It was difficult to leave his friends behind, but he counts himself lucky to have friends that live all over the world."

The U.S. Air Force
Thunderbirds
will be here
Tuesday

through Jan. 21 recruiting Airmen who are interested in potential jobs with the Thunderbirds. Team Eifel members interested in applying should call the wing point of contact, Chief Master Sgt. Greg Terry at 452-5049 or their first sergeant.

The F-16 has remained the choice of the Thunderbirds for the last 20 years, the longest performance era of any one aircraft. For details, visit their Web site at:

www.airforce.com/thunderbirds



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Col. Dave Goldfein

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Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	363	63	-8
23FS	314	48	-21
81FS	246	107	-14

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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“I have a dream”

MLK shares dreams with the world

By Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

(Editors note: The following is an edited, excerpt delivered on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. Aug. 28, 1963. Source: Martin Luther King, Jr: The Peaceful Warrior, Pocket Books, NY 1968.)

Five score years ago, a great American, in whose symbolic shadow we stand signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous decree came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of Negro slaves who had been seared in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But one hundred years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free.

One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadly crippled by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a vast ocean of material prosperity. One hundred years later, the Negro is still languishing in the corners of American society and finds himself an exile in his own land.

In a sense we have come to our nation’s capital to cash a check. When the architects of our republic wrote the magnificent words of the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, they were signing a promissory note to which every American was to fall heir.

This note was a promise that all men would be guaranteed the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is obvious today that America has defaulted on this promissory note insofar as her citizens of color are concerned. Instead of honoring this sacred obligation, America has given the Negro people a bad check which has come back marked “insufficient funds.” But we refuse to believe that the bank of justice is bankrupt. We cannot walk alone. And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall march ahead. We cannot turn back. There are those who are asking the devotees of civil rights, “When will you be satisfied?” we can never be satisfied as

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long as our bodies, heavy with the fatigue of travel, cannot gain lodging in the motels of the high-ways and the hotels of the cities. We cannot be satisfied as long as the Negro’s basic mobility is from a smaller ghetto to a larger one. We can never be satisfied as long as a Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and a Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote.

I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: “We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal.” I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slaveowners will be able to sit down together at a table of brotherhood. I have a dream that one day even the state of Mississippi, a desert state, sweltering with the heat of injustice and oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice. I have a dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. I have a dream today.

I have a dream that one day the state of Alabama, whose governor’s lips are presently dripping with the words of interposition and nullification, will be transformed into a situation where little black boys and black girls will be able to join hands with little white boys and white girls and walk together as sisters and brothers. I have a dream today. I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made

plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together. This is our hope. This is the faith with which I return to the South.

With this faith we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God’s children will be able to sing with a new meaning, “My country, ‘tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrim’s pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.” And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. So let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York.

Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania! Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado! Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California! But not only that; let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia! Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee! Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

When we let freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God’s children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, “Free at last! free at last! thank God Almighty, we are free at last!”

Airmen living the dream, becoming role models

By Master Sgt. Sean E. Cobb
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

I dreamed about being an Airman when I was a kid. It started out simply I suppose, like discovering wooden blocks dropped from the air cause more damage to plastic soldiers than when catapulted from the ground.

So I flew around the yard holding out my arms and making engine sounds at the top of my lungs -- and when my arms grew tired, I flew little plastic jets, usually crash landing them on the kitchen tabletop.

In the everyday grind of the mission it is sometimes hard to remember what got us started on the path we find ourselves. People may tend to overlook the importance of what we do for the Air Force because it becomes “just a job.” However, we need to look at our goals every once

in a while and see if we have accomplished them.

I remember the first time I ever saw a military man. It was “Wow, Mom, who is that guy in green?” He was big, he was impressive, and to a kid who had never seen a live uniform before -- he was cool.

I don’t have any idea what service he was in, but to me he was Air Force. From that point on, I was in the Air Force for real. My last name went quite well with “Captain” and “Colonel,” so I figured I was a natural. Over time, the dream grew.

Now I’m living that dream, and so are many of you. We live a life many people fantasize about. We travel around the world making friends and missing friends. Through these journeys we share a common camaraderie with every Airman who wears or has worn the Air Force Blue.

We have possibilities open to us as recruits that other young people don’t have. In the Air Force, opportunities for education, promotion, pay, recognition, recreation, vacation, responsibility, retirement, career choices and places to live are unmatched in the civilian sector.

Those opportunities are just the beginning -- our prospects and benefits only expand the longer we stay in and the more we dedicate ourselves to what we do.

In addition to my dreams as a kid, I now know much more about the Air Force. In serving our country, Airmen practice the values of Integrity First, Service before Self and Excellence in All We Do.

Airmen strive to serve honorably, loyally, disciplined and duty-bound. We know all about sacrifice and so do our families -- we know because

we make sacrifices every day.

So on duty days I check every ribbon, every button and every crease of my uniform before leaving the house. I check because I’m proud of what I do and who I turned out to be. Then I go to work and team up with other professionals and realize being an Airman is an honor beyond dreams.

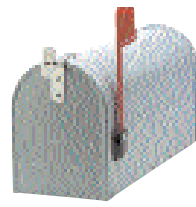
Every day Airmen around the globe serve up hot chow, turn wrenches, walk red lines, monitor radar screens, suture cuts, fold parachutes -- and yes, some of us even fly planes. Those planes fly overhead and rumble the powerful sound of freedom often heard around our great nation and the world.

Somewhere, a kid listens to that rumble and dreams about growing up to be an Airman just like you.



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Survivor, author visit

♦ Tina Wesson, the winner of Survivor 2: The Australian Outback, and Carl R. Smith, renowned military author of "Fringe Patriots" and "Cutting the Fringe" will appear at the old Club Eifel today from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and the Spangdahlem AB library from 4:30 to 5:30p.m. For more information, contact the 52nd Services Eifel Community Center at 452-7381.

Bank news

♦ Service Credit Union members and non-members alike may make tsunami relief donations at local SCU branches or online at www.servicecu.org. A total of all contributions made through Feb. 28 will be matched by the credit union, up to \$50,000. Donations must be sent to Service Credit Union to benefit from the matching program and all contributions will be made to AmeriCares at www.americares.org. For more information, call SCU at 452-7378.

♦ Spangdahlem Community Bank will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday due to renovation. Bitburg Community Bank will be open Tuesday from 1 to 4 p.m. Bitburg will be open normal hours Wednesday. For more information, call 452-6127.

♦ SCU now provides daily accommodation and re-conversion euro exchange rates by email. This service is free to members and non-members. To sign up for this service visit SCU's euro Rate Watcher at www.servicecu.org. The rates are also available on SCU'S 24-hour line at 0800-732-8847. For more information, contact the local SCU branch or call 0800-4728-2000.

Airman appreciation meal

An Airman appreciation meal will be served at the Mosel Hall dining facility Jan. 21 from 5 to 7 p.m. The formal dinner is open to meal card holders only. Visit the dining facility to make reservations. For more information, call Master Sgt. Pamela Cook at 452-6106.

Family support news

♦ His, Hers and Theirs: Stepfamily Success: Learn skills and techniques to strengthen your combined family. The class is offered Feb. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Bitburg Annex family support center, building 2001. For more information and to sign up call 452-6422.

♦ Heartlink takes place in building 130 from 8:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program is a U.S. Air Forces in Europe orientation that offers spouses with five years or less experience with the military to learn about military benefits, protocol, the Air Force mission and services available to military families. For details or inquiries about reimbursable childcare, call Amy Uptergrove at 452-6894.

Chapel news

The following events take place in conjunction with the 52nd Fighter Wing chaplain service. Call the chapel at 452-6711 for more information.

♦ The chaplain service offers single and unaccompanied military members a free, home-cooked meal Jan. 27 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. A Spangdahlem AB girl scout troop will arrange an Italian meal.

♦ A National Prayer Luncheon takes place Feb. 4 at 11:30 a.m. at the new Club Eifel, building 500. The guest speaker will be Chaplain. (Col.) Stephen Frick, USAFE headquarters command chaplain. Tickets are \$6 for an Italian buffet and are available from Tier Two, first sergeants or Spangdahlem AB chaplain service personnel.

♦ Pierce Concert, a Christian rock band on military tour from the United States, will perform a free concert at the Spangdahlem AB theater Tuesday at 7 p.m. as part of Combat CHEER.

Children's winter party

Families assigned to the 52nd Security Forces Squadron are invited to bring their children to a winter wonderland party Jan. 29 from 2 to 4 p.m. in building 2011, the 52nd SFS training room. For more information, call Kristy Turner at 06561-946227.

ECC news

♦ The Eifel Community Center and the ACT Eifel community theater group present the production of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." Performances at the Bitburg High School Cafeteria are scheduled for Jan. 21-22 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 23 at 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 per family, \$3 per adult or \$2 per child ages 12 and younger. For more information or ticket purchase, visit the ECC or call 452-7381.

♦ Sign up from Tuesday through Jan. 31 for the 2004 Base Youth Talent Contest. Contestants can showcase their talents at this variety show to be held

March 12 at 7 p.m. Contestants will be evaluated by a panel of three judges with divisions for vocals, instrumentals, performing arts and best of show. The showcase can include everything from instrumentals and vocals to dance and specialty talents. Winners will go on to compete in the USAFE regional level to also be held at Spangdahlem AB. Contest is open to all authorized services users between the ages of 6 and 18. For more information, call the ECC at 452-7381.

Bitburg commissary closure

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, the Bitburg Commissary will be closed; however, the Spangdahlem Commissary will open for regular shopping hours.

Internet safety

Parents interested in learning more about their children's activities on the Internet can learn how to keep their children safe in cyberspace. The Bitburg Middle School Parents, Teachers and Students Association presents an Internet safety course Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the BMS information center. The presentation will be in conjunction with the monthly PTSA meeting. Call the school at 452-9310 for more information.

SAB meeting

The Eifel School Advisory Board public meeting takes place Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Spangdahlem Elementary School's media center. Interested community members are encouraged to attend. Call the ESAB President, Kevin Peterson at 452-7505 for more information.

National history day

Department of Defense Dependents Schools offer National History Day, an educational program that encourages students to develop papers, exhibits and performances. The paper category is for individual students only, while the other categories are open to both individuals and groups of two to five students. The contest begins Feb. 2 at 9 a.m. For more information, call Cindy Britt at Bitburg Middle School at 452-9310, or Tami Elder at Bitburg High School at 452-9202.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB Catholic Mass

- ♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.
- ♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
- ♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (building 139)
- ♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m.

Protestant

♦ Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., preschool through sixth grade (building 139); 10:30 a.m., traditional service; 1 p.m., Korean; 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

- ♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., Liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service
For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.



Club Eifel Happenings

The following events take place at Club Eifel. Call 452-6090 for more information.

Too bad!

Tech. Sgt. Brent Brady missed out on \$225 in the Stripes Lounge in the weekly Club Eifel drawing.

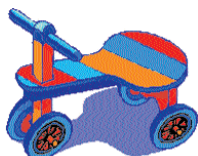
Winner!

Capt. Jeremiah Reed won \$75 in the Expeditionary Cockpit Lounge during the weekly Club Eifel drawing.

Today

Freaky Fridays takes place from 5-8 p.m. and features drink specials including hot shots, Long Island iced teas and fire and ice shots. A variety of social hour foods, complimentary to members, is available from 5-7 p.m. A DJ plays music from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

♦ After this weekend, the current club will be permanently closed. The new Club Eifel will have its grand opening Jan. 28. Complimentary food will be offered in all areas of the new club from 5-7 p.m. There will also be live entertainment in the ballroom and in the enlisted club as well as in JR Rockers. JR Rockers will have food available and will serve from 7-10 p.m.



Der Markt

Free classifieds policy and submission deadlines

Der Markt is for the personal resale of items by military and civilian employees and their families. Items such as advertisements for rental property won't be published due to funded paper restraints. Ads should be 35 words or less and customers are limited to no more than two ads per week. Ads must be typed or printed legibly and turned into the public affairs office, building 23, at least **10 days before the desired date of publication**. Ads can also be e-mailed to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil or sent via fax to 452-5254. Having ads in by deadline does not guarantee publication. Ads for services generating regular income will not be published. The ads must include the sponsor's name and telephone number. Ads not meeting these requirements, including those exceeding the designated word limits, will not be printed. The Eifel Times staff reserves the right to edit ads.

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Jan. 20. Times and movies are subject to change. For the most current information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. Movie synopses are available at www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

Closer (R, 7 p.m.)

This story of passion, drama, love and abandonment involves two couples whose relationships get more complicated when the man from the first couple gets acquainted with the woman from the second couple.

Saw (R, 10 p.m.)

With a dead body lying between them, two men wake up in the secure lair of a serial killer who has been nicknamed, "Jigsaw" by the police because of his unusual calling card.

Saturday

After the Sunset (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A master thief achieves his last big score, and an FBI agent promises to capture him.

Saw (10 p.m.)

Sunday

The Polar Express (G, 4 p.m.)

A conductor invites a boy to visit the North Pole with other pajama-clad children.

After the Sunset (7 p.m.)

Monday

The Polar Express (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Closer (7 p.m.)

Wednesday

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Closed Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Alexander (R, 7 p.m.)

Alexander, the King of Macedonia and one of the greatest military leaders in the history of warfare, conquers much of the known world.

Saturday

The Incredibles (PG, 4 p.m.)

A family of undercover superheroes, while trying to live the quiet suburban life, are forced into action to save the world.

Christmas with the Kranks (PG, 7 p.m.)

With their daughter away, two parents decide to skip Christmas altogether until she decides to come home, causing an uproar to celebrate the holidays at the last minute.

Alfie (R, 9 p.m.)

A cockney womanizer learns the hard way about the dangers of his actions.

Sunday

Christmas with the Kranks (4 p.m.)

Alexander (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Alexander (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Ray (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

Ray Charles went blind at the age of seven, but with the support of his determined, single mother, he developed incredible talent and discovered his own sound -- which revolutionized American popular music.

Mainz

Tourists enjoy history, culture at popular city in heart of Germany

By Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

About 200,000 tourists from around the world come to Mainz every year to enjoy the city's culture and history. Mainz has a "must see" list of attractions for first-time visitors.

The Dom, or cathedral, of St. Martin was built between 975 and 1011 to replace an earlier church. The structure was finished in 1036, but was later rebuilt after severe fires. A late Gothic western choir and side chapels were added in 1239.

Following a fire in 1767, new stone crowns were added to the western choir; the eastern spires were re-styled in a neo-romanesque style in 1879. The Dom and Diocese Museum are located inside the rococo choir and late Gothic cloister.

The renowned Gutenberg Museum is located inside the Renaissance residence, "Zum Roemischen Kaiser," dating back to 1664. On display are memorabilia of the Bible printer Gutenberg, as well as historical printing and books.

St. Ignatius church dates back to 1775, showing the transition from Baroque to rococo building styles.

The State Theater, built in 1833 and expanded in 1912, offers everything from concerts to popular theatrical plays.

Rheingold hall was built in 1968 as the modern reconstruction of the old Stadthalle, or city hall, dating back to 1884. The building is home to a casino.

Holzturn is the former "wooden gate" of the medieval city wall and a famous symbol of the city. It is also where a popular wood market used to take place on the banks of the Rhine River. The gate dates back to the 14th century.

The Old Armory of the Prince Elector dates back to 1604. The new armory, built in 1740, serves as State Chancery of Rhineland-Palatinate, and is the seat of the Prime Minister.

St. Stephen's Church is one of the nine collegiate churches in Mainz, founded in 950. The church has exquisite cloisters, dating back to the late gothic period. Nine stained-glass



Iris Reiff

Sales galore

Winterschlussverkauf, or winter clearance sales, are now in full swing throughout Germany. For two weeks, people can get good bargains on items such as clothes, shoes, towels, curtains and carpets. Price reductions usually run anywhere from 25 to 50 percent or more.

windows with scenes from the Old Testament, designed by renowned artist Marc Chagall are a main attraction.

The Deutschhaus was built in 1732 as headquarters for the German Knights. Later it served as residence of Napoleon I, as well as for the Archduke of Hesse from 1816-18. Today, it is the seat of the Rhineland-Pfalz state.

Schoenborner Hof is an estate dating back to 1670 as the late Renaissance palace of the Prince Elector Johann Philipp von Schoenborn. Extensive gardens and sandstone structures were erected in 1865 on the northern side of the building.

The picturesque old town with half-timbered houses are easily reached by foot from the Dom cathedral. It has many attractions such as exhibits, shops and restaurants.

Mainz is also the focal point for the popular, annual Fasching celebrations, including the world-famous Rosenmontag, or Rose Monday parade, which takes place Feb. 7.

Out and About

(Editor's note: For tickets to any of the below events, contact the Trierischer Volksfreund Press Center ticket hotline at 0651-7199-996).

♦ Shop at flea markets **Sunday** in front of the Trier Hela market; in front of the Schweich Edeka E. Center; inside and outside the Cloister Machern, located near the Mosel town of Zeltingen-Rachtig; in front of the Saarbruecken Grossmarkt market; at

the Kaiserslautern Messeplatz area and in front of the Wiesbaden METRO store.

♦ Listen to big band music by the Glenn Miller Orchestra **Jan. 23** at 8 p.m. at the Luxembourg-City Conservatoire de Musique.

♦ Equi Magic-Magie features a splendid horse show performance **Jan. 29** at 8 p.m. at the Trier Arena.

♦ Reserve tickets now for the famous "Holiday on Ice Dream Tour," **Feb. 3-6** at the Trier Arena.

♦ See R.E.M. live in concert, plus special guests The Thrills **Feb. 4** at the Oberhausen Arena or **June 28** in Bonn. Call 01805-570 000 for tickets.

♦ Reserve tickets now to the "Magic of the Dance" show **Feb. 19** at 8 p.m. at the Saarbruecken Saarland hall.

♦ Reserve tickets to Michael Flatley's original "Lord of the Dance" show **April 5** in Essen or **April 6** in Frankfurt. Call 01805-570 000 for tickets.

♦ Plan to attend this year's Rock am Ring concert **June 3-5** at the famous Rock am Ring race track. On schedule are R.E.M, Iron Maiden, Green Day, Incubus, The Prodigy, Him, Apocalyptica, The Hives, Fettes Brot, The Chemical Brothers and others. To reserve tickets, call 0180-55 70 000. For tickets via mail, call 0180-53-52530. Tickets are 105 euro, including parking and camping.



Iris Reiff

We three kings

Germans celebrated the feast of the Three Magi, also known as the feast of the "Heilige Drei Koenige," Jan. 6, in honor of the Three Kings bearing gifts for the infant Jesus in Bethlehem. Children involved with the Catholic church from the local towns and villages carry a star and travel from house to house, singing songs and reciting religious poems. The children, also called star singers, get gifts such as eggs, bread, cakes or money donations. The star singers then donate the money to humanitarian aid funds.

Bemidji State Beavers beat AF Falcons, 4-3, in hockey overtime

BEMIDJI, Minn. -- Jean Gervais scored the game-winning goal with 1:34 remaining in overtime as Bemidji State University beat Air Force, 4-3, in a College Hockey America game here Jan. 8.

Bemidji State improved to 11-7-0 overall and 6-2 in the league for second place. Air Force fell to 9-9-2 overall and 3-5 in the league for fourth place.

The game was the Falcons' to win as they had a one-goal lead with one minute remaining in the third period, but they could not put the game away. Andrew Murray tied the game after the Beavers pulled the goalie with 59 seconds left.

The teams combined for just one goal in the first 40 minutes of the game and then combined for six goals in the final 23 minutes. The only lead BSU had in the game was the game-winner in overtime.

After a scoreless first period, the Falcons got on the board first at the 6:45 mark of the second period. Seth Pelletier tipped in a shot by Steve Mead on the power play. Eric Ehn won the faceoff, and Pelletier scored his fifth of the season. The lead held up until a wild third period.

The Beavers tied the game at 1-1 early in the third period as Myles Kuharski scored on a shot from the top of the circle. The Falcons took a 2-1 lead at the 10:40 mark as Ehn scored his fifth goal of the season. Matt Bader

made a pass from behind the net to Ehn at the bottom of the circle. Just 40 seconds later, Bemidji State answered. On a nearly identical play to Kuharski's goal, Jake Bluhm scored his second of the season. Bluhm skated down the right wing, and his shot from the top of the circle beat Ian Harper high, glove side, just inside the far post.

Again the Falcons answered with 2:14 remaining as Josh Print scored on an odd-man rush. Brian Gineo hit Brandon Merkosky in the neutral zone to create the rush. Merkosky skated the puck down the right wing and fed Print after the goaltender had committed to the short side.

Print slid the puck past Matt Climie for his fifth of the season. The goal gave the Falcons a 3-2 lead. The Falcons outshot the Beavers, 14-8, in the final period, but the Beavers forced overtime.

With 1:20 remaining in the third period, the Beavers pulled Climie from the net in favor of an extra attacker. Air Force defenseman Brooks Turnquist tried to clear the puck from behind his own net, but the puck slid off his stick and into the faceoff circle.

Gervais collected the puck and fired a shot that was saved, but Murray put in the rebound with 59 seconds remaining.

In overtime, the Falcons had one good scoring chance early as Matt

Bader's shot was saved. Midway through the extra frame, two Air Force players, Andrew Ramsey and Josh Print, collided in the neutral zone and the puck bounced right to a Bemidji State player for a 3-on-1 rush. Brendan Cook's shot was saved by Harper, but Gervais put back the rebound near the right post for the victory.



Bemidji State outshot Air Force, 28-25, in the game. Air Force was 1-for-5 on the power play while BSU was 0-for-5. Harper made his third start of the season in net. He made 24 saves, including 11 in the first period when the Beavers had six minutes of power plays.

Climie made 22 saves for the Beavers, including 12 in the third period.

"This is as painful as it gets," said head coach Frank Serratore. "We outplayed them in the third period. We played hard, and we executed, but just didn't get it done. They stole this one from us. We proved that we can skate up and down the ice with them, but this is a very, very painful loss -- gut-wrenching. We just have to bury this one and move on."

Air Force returns home for a two-game nonconference series against service academy rival Army today and Saturday. The faceoff is at 6:05 p.m. MST today. The game is nationally-televised on College Sports Television. (Courtesy Air Force Print News)

Sports Briefs

Youth wrestling

The youth wrestling registration deadline is Saturday, and the cost is \$30 per child. Practices begin Jan. 18, and the season runs until March 31. A parents' information meeting takes place Tuesday at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center from 6-7 p.m., where practice schedules and other program details will be discussed. For details, call the youth center at 452-7545.

Youth soccer

The youth indoor soccer registration deadline is Saturday, and the cost per child is \$25. Practice begins Feb. 28, and the season runs until April 9. For convenience, a choice of two mandatory parent meetings take place Feb. 22 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Bitburg Annex theater, or Feb. 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. in the Spangdahlem AB theater. For details, call the youth center at 452-7545.

Coaches needed

The Trier Stammers American football team needs volunteer coaches for the upcoming season. Experience not necessary. For more information, call Jack Jackson at 452-6852.

Sports advisory meeting

The quarterly sports advisory meeting takes place Jan. 26 at 2 p.m. in the fitness center conference room. The meeting allows attendees to discuss upcoming programs and various sports concerns Sabers have regarding squadron sports representatives. For details, call the fitness center at 452-6634 or 452-6251.

Varsity volleyball

Practice for the varsity volleyball season starts Jan. 22 and 23 from 2-5 p.m. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Randy Wilhide at 452-7070.

Little League board

The Eifel American Little League board holds its annual elections Jan. 28. Board positions available are: president, vice president, treasurer, secretary and player agent. People interested in becoming a board member should contact Tech. Sgt. Matthew Weeg at 452-6324 or Master Sgt. Daniel Kuchler at 452-7330.

Soccer coaches needed

Make a difference in a young person's life. Volunteer to coach youth indoor soccer starting in February. People interested can apply at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center, building 427, or at the Bitburg Annex Teen Center, building 58. Volunteers must attend a mandatory coaches' training clinic Feb. 17 from 5-8 p.m. in the youth center. For details, call the youth center at 452-7545 or 0656561-7545.

Rome Marathon

Join the Spangdahlem Marathon Team and run 26.2 miles in the upcoming Rome Marathon March 13 in Rome, Italy. Participants must begin training now for the spring run. For more information, call Capt. Jose Rivera at 452-6266 or the fitness center at 452-6634.

Personal training

Take advantage of a special holiday offer in the Spangdahlem AB fitness center. Receive \$5 off each individual training session purchased during the month of January. For more information, call Nicole Holt at 0656396-2144 or e-mail her at dnh@usa.com.

Dodge ball challenge

Create a team and be a part of the dodge ball challenge Feb. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Teams can be a male and female mix of eight people. For more information, call Airman 1st Class Erica Gonzalez-Arispe at 452-6634 or 452-6251.

Barons lose against Patch in nail biter 61-57, 63-61

By Coach Lin Hairstone
Bitburg High School basketball

The Bitburg Barons battled for supremacy against the Patch Panthers from Stuttgart, Germany, Jan. 7, losing 61-57. However, with 12 lead changes the Barons could not get ahead after the third quarter. Nick Brown, son of Forrest Brown, defense reutilization and management office environmental engineer, had 25 points and 15 rebounds, but his efforts could not stop the Panther's Griffin, who hit 32 against the Barons.



Playing team defense against one of Department of Defense Dependents Schools best shooters, the Barons failed to stop a hot Patch team. Parry Hardy, son of Master Sgt. Rudolph Hardy, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, added 14 points and Trey Wilson, son of Master Sgt. Harry Wilson, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron, canned 11 for the Barons.

The Barons maintained throughout the game Jan. 8, but they ended up losing their 10-point lead with two minutes remaining -- dropping the second game of the season with the final score 63-61. Playing a great game could not help the Barons in the last two minutes.

The Panthers ended the fourth quarter with a 20-9 run -- putting them up by two when time expired. Leading the Barons was Brown, with 23 points and 12 rebounds; Wilson added 14 points and Charles Whatley, son of Senior Master Sgt. Carlos Whatley, 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron, hit 13 for the Barons.

Keep up on Barons Basketball, via the Web at www.eteamz.ative.com/BitburgBasketball/. The site has game schedules, stats and highlights.

How much fat is enough?

Daily grams of fat*

Men

- Normal weight: 60-90 grams of fat per day
- Overweight: 40-60 grams of fat per day

Women

- Normal weight: 40-70 grams of fat per day
- Overweight: 25-40 grams of fat per day

Track that fat

- Read labels: If the label does not have calories from fat, multiply the grams of total fat by nine, because there are nine calories in a gram of fat.
- An easy rule of thumb is to most often choose foods that have no more than three grams of fat per 100 calories.

**These ranges help people stick to a diet that has no more than 20-30 percent of calories from fat*

Information courtesy of the HAWC



BHS Basketball

The Bitburg High School Barons basketball teams play the Bamberg, Germany, Barons today and Saturday in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. Tonight is Hawaiian shirt night, and fans are encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt to the games. Below are the starting times:

- Today, girls junior varsity, 4 p.m.; boys junior varsity, 5:30 p.m.; girls varsity, 7 p.m.; boys varsity, 8:30 p.m.
- Saturday, girls junior varsity, 10 a.m.; boys junior varsity, 11:30 a.m.; girls varsity, 1 p.m.; boys varsity, 2:30 p.m.